



**Media Release: Ginny Dickey for Mayor**

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## Fountain Hills Mayor Ginny Dickey

Mayor Ginny Dickey and her family chose Fountain Hills as their hometown in 1983. Born and raised in NY, she followed her parents who had fallen in love with this desert community in the seventies. Her siblings all relocated to AZ, creating a foundation here that spans multiple generations.

Mayor Dickey holds a BS in Mathematics from Tufts University (1977). Ginny has experience as a bookkeeper and a part-time teacher in NH, VT, and AZ. More recently, she was an AZ Senate staffer and an Assistant Director at the Dept. of Environmental Quality. After retiring from the State, she worked with the US Attorney's Office as a neighborhood liaison with various partners including law enforcement.

Inducted into the 2010 Lower Verde River Hall of Fame, Mayor Dickey participated in all FH strategic planning sessions since 1984. She went from room mother to PTA Board, Site Council to elected School Board Member, where she served from 1994 to 2002, twice as President. Ginny was a Charter Member of the Arts Council and served on the Theater Board as Treasurer and accountant, earning their 2009 Founders Award. She performed in several AriZoni winning theater productions. 48 Arizona Women, an official Arizona Centennial Project, and the Arizona Historical Society selected Ginny as one of the 48 Most Intriguing Women of Arizona for 2022. Each decade, the project honors professional and non-professional women from diverse backgrounds whose leadership and commitment are contributing in a positive way to the future of Arizona.

In the Valley, Mayor Dickey was a member of Business and Professional Women (Woman of the Year) and the Public Policy Chair for the American Association of University Women. Active in several statewide groups, she was an organizer for the AZ Women's Hall of Fame at the Carnegie Library.

Mayor Dickey served as Town Councilwoman for over eight years (2006-2014), co-chairing the Centennial Committee and sitting on the MAG Domestic Violence Council. She helped raise funds for public art and co-organized a unity event during the summer of 2017. Ginny was elected Fountain Hills Mayor in 2018, re-elected in 2020, and then again in 2022.

As part of her regular municipal responsibilities, Mayor Dickey represents the Town on the MAG Regional Council, is a member of the Executive Committee of the Arizona League of Cities and Towns and GPEC Mayors/Supervisors, serves on the Town's Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Committee, the Fountain Hills Cares Team, and participates in several other state, regional and local groups. Often, Ginny is asked to make presentations to other cities/towns, schools, and organizations focusing on leadership, municipal governance, and mentoring.

During Mayor Dickey's tenure, Council, Staff, and Community have navigated through diverse issues, welcomed new and expanded businesses including two health facilities and several residential developments, while improving streets, buildings, and award-winning parks. Most recently, Fountain Hills successfully transitioned to a Municipal Fire Department and new administrative leadership at many levels. All the while, the Town has been annually recognized through audit for outstanding performance by practicing sound financial judgement and processes.

*Ginny Dickey, 68, is married to former teacher, FHUSD and EVIT Board Member Jim Dickey, who is a retired Valley Metro and ADOT Executive. She has resided in Fountain Hills for four decades, and currently has three generations of family calling FH their home. Ginny's immediate family includes three sons, FHUSD graduates Mike, Brian, and Frank Chin (Syracuse professor, Scottsdale Fire Captain, Philadelphia chef and musician) plus Jim's daughter Laura and son Jason, their spouses and nine grandchildren.*